VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Officer Candidate School
FY 2012- Class 55

Battalion Commander

LTC Bryan Coleman

Full Time Staff

CPT Carlos Maldonado- Training Officer

SGT Charles Cranford- Training NCO

MISSION

Develop the leadership ability and professional skills of each Officer Candidate in preparation for the individual's appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the Virginia Army National Guard or the U.S. Army Reserve.

(VaARNG Regulation 351-5)

FY12

OCS Class 55 Enrollment

Winter Accelerated- OCT 2011

Traditional and Summer Accelerated- JAN 2012

OCS PREREQUISITES

(Must be met and documented prior to Phas

- Passing APFT
- Passing Ht/Wt
- 60+ College Credits (90 for accelerated OCS)
- Birth Certificate/Proof of Citizenship
- BCT & AIT/or OCS Option (09S)
- GT 110+ (non waiverable)
- Current Chapter 2 Commissioning Physical
- Submitted Secret Clearance Request
- ETS 2 Years Beyond Projected Commissioning
- Waivers Requested (medical/conviction)
- Attached/Promoted (E-6)- done by OCS

TWO OPTIONS

Traditional- approx. 22 months

Accelerated- 58-day course following Phase 0

TRADITIONAL FY 12

- Phase 0 (IDT) JAN 12– JUL 12
- Phase I (AT) 13JUL 12 – 28JUL 12 @ Camp Fretterd, MD
- Phase II(IDT) AUG 12 – JUL 13 @ Fort Pickett
- Phase III (AT) 24AUG- 7 SEP 13 @ FIG, PA
- Graduate 26OCT 13 @ Fort Pickett

DURING PHASE 0

- OCS Option Candidates (MOS 09S) often encounter difficulty with basic Soldiering skills or lack the experience/knowledge to keep pace with the high intensity of training

- Review and counseling of required items to complete Pre-Requisite and Federal Recognition packets

- Clothing/Equipment requirements- **UNIT RESPONSIBILITY**

- Physical Fitness / D&C

- Leadership Training / TLPs / OPORDs

- Land-Navigation (Day, Night, Written)

TRADITIONAL

Phase 1

- Assessment of Basic Leadership qualities of Candidates
- Land Navigation/FTX
- Drill and Ceremony
- Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills (WTBD)
- Basic Soldier Skills Assessment

Phase 2

- Instruction on Leadership, Operations, Supply, Artillery, Military Intelligence, Tactics, Military Justice, Military History
- Company-level leadership roles
- FTX/Squad lanes/Infantry tactics training

Phase 3

- Expected to be performing at the level of a 2LT
- Primarily Field Problems and Lanes with emphasis on FM 7-8

ACCELERATED OVERVIEW

- Approx 8 weeks of training. Offered twice a year. Same program of instruction (POI) as the traditional program

- Must be selected by VA OCS Accelerated Selection Board.

- Winter (20JAN to 17MAR 2012)
  - All three Phases at Ft McClellan, AL

- Summer (13JUL to 7SEP 2012)
  - Phase I- 2 Weeks @ Camp Fretterd, MD
  - Phase II- 4 Weeks @ FIG, PA

ACCELERATED CANDIDATE

Must meet all Pre-Requisites and have a complete Federal Recognition Packet prior to attending Phase I

Key items for Accelerated Candidates:

- College & Required Test Scores
- Commissioning Physical
- Secret Clearance Granted
- Waivers Approved

WAIVERS

- No age waiver past 41 years & 364 days
- Criminal conviction waiver
- Medical waiver
- Moral Turpitude/drug use waiver
- AIT waiver

RECRUITING / ORIENTATIO

- Recruiting done at unit level
- Packets initiated at unit/continued support to Candidate throughout course
- Candidates bring initiated packets to corresponding first Drill
- Candidates in-processed and briefed on OCS at first drill
- Recommend Mentors

Points of Contact

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